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SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" குறித்த அளவில் சொத்து உடையவர்கள்தான் கார்ன்ட்ராக்டர்களாக பதிவு செய்துகொள்வதற்கு மனுச் செய்துகொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று சர்க்கார் சொல்லி இருக்கிறார்கள். ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அந்த அளவில் சொத்து இல்லாததால் இந்த விஷயத்தில் அவர்களுக்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்கார் சலுகை காட்டுமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

Nominations to the South Arcot Market Committee.

* 256 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the nominations for the South Arcot Market Committee were made, for the vacancies that arose in December 1952;

(*b*) what was the number of vacancies at the time and how many were nominated;

(*c*) whether the cotton and gingelly crops notified in South Arcot have been brought under the operation of the rules for buying and selling; if so, from what date; and if not, why; and

(*d*) on what principles the Government choose persons for nominating to the Market Committees formed under the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The nominations to the South Arcot Market Committee were made in June 1953.

" (*b*) Formerly there was only one nominated seat in the South Arcot Market Committee. In October 1952, the Government notified cotton and gingelly besides groundnut under the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act in the South Arcot district. Till then the South Arcot Market Committee was dealing only in groundnut. In view of the newly notified crops referred to above, the Government considered that the nominated seats in the South Arcot Market Committee should be increased from 1 to 4, raising the total strength of the Committee to 12, which is the maximum prescribed under the Act. Four persons were nominated to the four nominated seats referred to above.

" (*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The provisions of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act and Rules are being enforced in respect of these crops with effect on and from 1st October 1953.

" (*d*) The principle generally adopted is to give a fair representation to all interests concerned. In the case of the South Arcot Market Committee two growers and two traders were nominated."

SRI A. GOVIDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" இந்த மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டிக்கு யார் யார் விண்ணப்பம் போட்டார்கள் ? அவர்களை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தபோது அவர்களுடைய தகுதிகளைப் பார்த்தார்களா என்று சர்க்கார் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There were a number of applications addressed to the District Collector and also some others addressed directly to the Government. The Collector's recommendations supported by the recommendations of the District Agricultural Officer were taken into account and the Government thereafter decided upon the persons to be nominated."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Will the Hon. the Minister state whether applications were called for and if so when? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it a fact that the Collector was requested to recommend four persons to be nominated to this committee and that none of his nominees were selected? Is it not a fact that contrary to the recommendations of the Collector, an influential Congressman by name Bashyam Reddiar had been nominated by the Government to this committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not correct to say that none of the persons recommended by the Collector had been nominated. It is true that one of the persons nominated is Sri Bashyam Reddiar. But I do not know whether he is an influential Congressman."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Did the recommendation of the Collector include any local representative and if such local representative was included, is it not just that he being the local representative should all the more be nominated and not rejected? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the recommendations of the Collector and also the nominees by the Government all relate only to local representatives."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that fair representation has been given to all interests concerned, may I know whether any Vanniyakula Kshatriya had been nominated out of the four persons nominated? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the names of the persons who had been nominated and is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that political consideration and not any other consideration had weighed in selecting these persons to the committee, inasmuch as Mr. Bashyam Reddiar, a Congressman, who had been defeated in the general elections by Mr. Govindaswamy Nayagar, of the Tamil Nad Toilers' Party, had been nominated to the Committee by this Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No political consideration had been shown in the matter of nominating the four persons to the Committee. If the hon. Member wants the names, I shall read out the names of the four

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persons who had been nominated. I do not know how many of them belong to the Congress or any other party. The names of the four persons are :—

(1) Sri G. S. Appuraj Padayachi, Municipal Councillor, Cuddalore.

(2) Sri N. V. Bashyam Reddiar, Municipal Chairman, Cuddalore.

(3) Sri V. Tiruppuliswami Naidu, Municipal Chairman, Tindivanam.

(4) Sri A. Radhakrishna Pillai, Mirasdar, Vridhachalam taluk.''

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" என்னுடைய முதல் கேள்விக்கு சரியானபடி பதில் சொல்லவில்லை. யார் யார் விண்ணப்பம் போட்டார்கள் என்று கேட்டேன். இந்த நான்கு பேர்களில் மூன்று பேர்கள் காங்கிரஸ்காரர்கள் என்பதை மந்திரி மறுக்கமுடியுமா ! "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of the political affiliations of these four persons, nor do I have any information as to how many of them are Congressmen who have been defeated in the general elections."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Is it a fact that the four persons nominated are those recommended by the Collector? Is it not true that Mr. Bashyam Reddiar was *not* originally recommended by the Collector but that he had been subsequently recommended under instructions from Government."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I wish to intervene to tell hon. Members, in view of the trend this question had taken, that it is our opinion not to appoint to a committee of this kind persons who had applied for such appointment but it is even better to appoint persons who do not apply."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" ஸ்தல கலெக்டர் என்ற நிலைமையில் சில மெம்பர்களை சிபாரிசு செய்திருந்தும், எந்தக் காரணமாய் அவர்கள் நீக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றனர் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Collector only recommends ; it is for the Government to decide finally. In this case, Government did not completely reject the recommendations of the Collector."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether apart from one of the persons nominated to this Committee who is a Congress candidate and who had been defeated in the last general elections in South Arcot, the list includes persons who had been defeated by the Congress? "

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" On a point of Order. I put a supplementary question to the Hon. Minister for Agriculture just now. But the Hon. Chief Minister intervened and gave some explanation and not any answer to my question. My question had not been answered. Am I to be satisfied with that? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I submit, Sir, that my answer dealt with the hon. Member's supplementary question. The supplementary question was, if I remember right, who were the people recommended, who were appointed and whether those appointed were those who were recommended. I said it is good not to appoint people who are keen to get appointed."

11-50 a.m.

Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode.

* 257 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode, Malabar, has started production, and if not ; why?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. The construction of the buildings and the installation of the machinery have been completed but the factory could not start production for want of adequate electric power supply. Arrangements are being made to have the necessary electric energy supplied to the factory and it is expected to go into production very soon."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, have the Government any idea of bartering away the management of the factory to private agency? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have no such offer. If the hon. Member would bring one, we shall consider it, Sir."

SRI A. APPU :—" Sir, has any staff been appointed to this factory? May I know also whether a large number of empty tins and drums purchased by the Government kept in the factory have become useless as they were not looked after well? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is a fact that we have a skeleton staff to look after the machinery. I did visit the factory and saw a large number of drums which would be necessary when the factory actually went into production. I do not know what their present condition is. If the hon. Member could put a separate question, I shall answer it."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that raw materials for the factory is available in large quantities at Pollachi, will Government consider shifting it from Kozhikode to Pollachi or Coimbatore? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Of course, Coimbatore is a central place. But the hon. Member will agree that it is not easy to shift a huge factory either to Coimbatore or Pollachi."